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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS OF
MONITORING OPTICAL POWER
LEVEL IN WAVEGUIDE
STRUCTURES

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1. I am an inventor of the method and apparatus of monitoring optical power level in waveguide structures disclosed and claimed in United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/081,350 filed on February 22, 2002. I have a Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Illinois, and have been engaged in research and development in the field of optics for nearly twenty years. I am currently a Member of the Technical Staff for Lucent Technologies, Inc. in the Photonics Applications and Development Department within the Government Communications Laboratory of Bell Labs. I am an inventor or joint-inventor of the patents, and I am author or co-author of the publications and presentations attached hereto as Appendix A.
2. In the Office Action mailed August 1, 2003, the Examiner alleges that “no specific method, device, or equation is disclosed [in the specification] for actually calculating the recited optical power from the temperature difference, $T_1 - T_2$. It would require undue experimentation for the ordinary skilled artisan to figure out exactly how to obtain the optical power using the method or device claimed in view of the application’s disclosure.” However, an ordinary skilled artisan can obtain power levels corresponding to the measured temperature differences $T_1 - T_2$ by performing a simple calibration process, as discussed below.

3. With reference to the example in the patent application at page 4, lines 11-19 of a diode pump launching multimode light into the outer waveguide of a cladding pump fiber (cpf) device, the output power from the pump can be measured as a function of diode current, prior to splicing that fiber to the cladding pump fiber. The output fiber from the diode can then be placed in a calorimeter and the temperature difference measured as a function of diode current. The corresponding plot of power as a function of temperature difference can then be made. Alternatively, a splice can be placed in the calorimeter to improve the signal to noise ratio. For example, an undoped fiber that matches the cpf can be spliced to the output fiber of the diode pump. The output from the second fiber can be measured as a function of diode current. The two fibers and the splice are then placed in the calorimeter and temperature differences measured as a function of diode current. It is my belief that such calibration processes are well-known in the art and do not require undue experimentation.

4. All statements made herein and in the application of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; all statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any registration resulting therefrom.

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APPENDIX A

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- Invited presentations given at NSF Workshop on Nonlinear Organics, 1987, Gordon Conference on Thin Organic Films 1990, Optical Society of America national meeting 2002, university, government, and industrial laboratories.
- Contributed presentations given at meetings of the American Physical Society, Materials Research Society, Gordon conferences, conferences and workshops in thin organic films and nonlinear optical materials.